

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:  
My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.  
I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

was filed as U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and (if applicable) was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.  
 was filed as PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and (if applicable) was amended under  
 PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign and PCT application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America listed in this Declaration. I have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed:

Foreign/PCT Application No.	Country	Filing Date	Priority Claimed? (yes/no)
HEI 8-128,760	JAPAN	5/23/1996	YES
HEI 8-230,016	JAPAN	8/30/1996	YES
HEI 9-004,894	JAPAN	1/14/1997	YES
2001-211345	JAPAN	7/11/2001	YES

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 or §365(c) of any United States application and PCT international application designating the United States of America listed in this Declaration and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

U.S. Application No.	Filing Date	Status (patented/pending/abandoned?)
08/862,383	5/23/1997	PATENTED (5,990,762)
09/390,653	9/7/1999	PENDING
09/794,035	2/28/2001	PENDING

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Supplemental Sheet to U.S. Declaration and Power of Attorney (SGR/BDWY-1 supp.)

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Additional Foreign/PCT Applications:

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